



State of Utah

Utah Navajo Trust Fund



MEETING MINUTES

UNTF Board of Trustees Meeting

8:30 am – 12:30 pm, Friday, July 29, 2016

Room 1112, State Office Building

350 N. State Street, State Capitol Complex

Salt Lake City, UT 84114

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

a. Roll Call: v David Damschen v John Reidhead v Ken Matthews

The meeting was called to order at 9.00 a.m. and all board members were in attendance. Guests included Tony Dayish, Maury Bergman, Dorothy Phillips (UNTF Staff), Melvin Capitan and Ryan Benally (Dine' Advisory Committee Members), Bryan Alder and Thom Roberts (Attorney General's Office) and Herman Farley (Red Mesa Chapter President).

II. REVIEW & ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

- a. June 27, 2016 UNTF Board of Trustees Meeting, Aneth Chapter House
- b. July 06, 2016 UNTF Board of Trustees Meeting, Room 105, State Capitol Building, Salt Lake City

Minutes were reviewed and approved. Ken Matthews motioned to approve minutes, John Reidhead second, Mr. Damschen, Mr. Matthews, and Mr. Reidhead voted in favor, none opposed.

David Damschen commented that he would like the board packet to be sent out a minimum of one week prior to the meeting.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- a. UNTF Policies and Administrative Rules..... Board Members and Staff

Tony Dayish reported that the changes discussed and amendments made on the Chapter Projects and Accounting Rule has been made and is ready to be submitted for public comment. The board reviewed and approved the edits. John Reidhead motioned to have Kathy submit R661-4 rule for Public Comment, Ken Matthews seconded, Mr. Damschen, Mr. Matthews, and Mr. Reidhead voted in favor, none opposed.

- b. Funding Request of additional \$91,500 by the Mexican Water Chapter for their Multi-Purpose Building No. 2 Project

In the previous board meeting, the Mexican Water Chapter requested \$500,000 for this project but the approved amount was reduced by \$91,500 by the board because of a grant that was

approved by UNTF in 2008. The question arose whether old UNTF approvals should be considered under the new UNTF Rules starting in 2016. The board said they are still UNTF funds and should be counted as part of UNTF's maximum contribution to the project. Tony Dayish's interpretation is that the rules on maximum amounts apply only to new UNTF approvals as of 2016. Legal counsel was requested to research this issue. In the meantime, the Mexican Water Chapter requested for the \$91,500 to be funded for the project. Discussion followed and Thom Roberts recommended that no action be taken until the rule can be defined. Topic deferred until Council researches and defines the new rule.

David Damschen requested for this question to be researched and a report to be given at the next meeting as well as an update on the status of all the UNTF rules.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

a. Chapter Projects Funding Proposals

i. Red Mesa Chapter

1. New House Projects	15 Foundations (\$5,000 each)	\$ 75,000
	9 New House Foundations, 6 Addition Foundations	
2. New House Project	Ernest Amos Nakai	\$ 30,000
3. New House Project	Calandra Hollie	\$ 30,000
4. New House Project	Darlene Jim	\$ 15,000
5. New House Project	Lorraine Silas	\$30,000

Tony Dayish summarized the foundation projects that were proposed by the Red Mesa Chapter (found on pg. 17 of the board packet). Mr. Dayish mentioned that the Chapter requested UNTF to build the foundations and that UNTF staff have done site visits to some of the proposed houses to get familiar with the sites. Discussion followed in which the board had numerous concerns. One of the concerns was that only the foundations will be built but the Chapter did not provide a plan to build the rest of the house structures. There is a plan to build the foundations but who will complete the rest of the house structure, how much more money will it take to complete the houses, where will the Chapter obtain the additional \$1.3 million needed to finish the houses, how long will take to obtain the additional funds.

Tony responded that the Chapter was planning on applying for NRF grants from the FY-17 allocation but he didn't know how much they would request for. Herman Farley commented that he did not realize that a lot of the documentation was not turned in by the Red Mesa staff and he added that many houses in his Chapter are in need of repairs and remodeling and not much money to work with. He added that they have a lot of this documentation that is being requested but it has not been turned in yet.

Melvin Capitan suggested UNTF establish a policy on how big the homes will be that are funded by the UNTF. Some of those in attendance added to the suggestion to limit the size of the houses, sizing the houses to the size of the client family, and having standard floorplans and standard materials lists that can be used by all Chapters.

The board recommended that a spreadsheet should be provided that outlines the construction process and cost and time frame. They also recommended that the UNTF labor cost for building the foundations should be charged to the project budget instead of the UNTF annual budget,

The Board asked what funding resources are available for housing projects such as this. Tony Dayish and Herman Farley responded that the only dependable funding available for house projects are the NRF and UNTF programs. Dorothy mentioned that USDA elder grants for those 62 years of age or older in the one-time maximum amount of \$7,500.00. Tony Dayish added that NAHASDA monies are available but the process and the regulations is so onerous that it takes years of planning.

Several people suggested reducing the list from 15 foundations to 1,2, or 3 houses or additions that are complete 100% instead of just partial since the new Rule requires projects to be completed in 2 years. The Red Mesa Chapter would have to prioritize and selected the 1,2, or 3 clients that will be assisted.

The board recommended that these proposals should go back to the DAC for their re-consideration since not all documents were included that complies with the new rules. For example, the Chapters need to have their housing policy on file with UNTF required by rule. This is one example, all required documents need to be included before the board should consider approval.

John Reidhead motioned to defer all five items under agenda item 4 until all documentation is received by UNTF. Ken Matthews seconded and the motion passed with all three members voting in favor, none opposed.

- b. Public Facility Projects
 - i. Red Mesa Administration Building Project \$500,000
 - ii. Teecnospos Chapter House Roof Repair & Renovation Project \$132,630
- c. Powerline Projects
 - i. Aneth Phase I Powerline Extension Project \$300,000

Tony explained in detail this project starting on pg. 163 of the board packet including NTUA's cost estimate of \$796,660.91, which included NTUA work to prepare the Rights-of-Way for the project, and for the construction of the powerline extensions. Mr. Dayish provided other information such as match funding from NRF, previous UNTF funding, coordination between the Chapter and several entities, Rocky Mountain Power's role, NTUA's role, etc. Discussion followed. The Board members asked about how the portion that was not funded in the amount of \$275,830.46 was going to be funded. There was no one from the Chapter that was in attendance to answer questions that the board had. The portions that were funded did not have a funding commitment letter. And the board was concerned with the high cost of the project as well. John motioned to defer this request until all documentation need to comply with the new UNTF Rules such as match funding was received by UNTF. Ken Matthews seconded and the motion passed with all three members voting in favor, none opposed.

V. REPORTS

- a. Report by the State Treasurer's Office regarding UNTF Investment OptionsDavid Damschen
- b. Request to the State of Utah-Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund to Forgive a Loan to the UNTF-owned Blue Mountain Apartments Members
- c. UNTF Higher Education Report Dorothy Phillips
- d. UNTF Financial Report Maury Bergman
- e. UNTF Projects Report Melinda Blackhorse
- f. UNTF Administrator's Report Tony Dayish

VI. ANNOUCEMENTS / BOARD ISSUES

- a. Diné Advisory Committee Meeting – August 09, 2016, Utah Valley University, Orem, UT, during the Native American Summit
- b. NRF Board Meeting – September, Blanding GSB

VII. NEXT MEETING

- a. Board of Trustees: August 19, 2016 – Teecnospos Chapter Administration Building, 10am – 3:00 pm

David Damschen recommended putting the Family Dollar Store issue on the agenda for the next DAC meeting.

David Damschen requested Thom Roberts to provide a status of each of the UNTF Rules at the next board meeting. Mr. Roberts requested for the full set of the rules to be submitted to him. Kathy Kinsman of the Attorney General's office had been the one to prepare the rules, submit them, and follow the progress of each rule but she has retired from State employment now.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

John Reidhead motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m., 2nd by Ken Matthews. Mr. Damschen, Mr. Reidhead, and Mr. Matthews voted in favor of the motion, None opposed.